

## Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 15

## LOCAL NEWS.

For this district fair weather, easterly winds, becoming warmer.

## CITY COUNCIL.

A regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council was held last night.

## IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

It was several minutes past eight o'clock—the hour for meeting—before a quorum appeared.

Upon being called to order the board transacted some routine business without debate, after which a large number of bills for services at the late election, were presented, which the clerk started to read, when

Mr. Strauss moved that the reading of the bills be dispensed with and that they be referred in bulk to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Smith asked why Council could not order them to be paid at once.

Mr. Strauss's motion, however, prevailed.

After half an hour's recess, several papers which had been acted upon by the Common Council were received from that board, and their action concurred in, and no further business appearing, another hall followed, when

An amendment to the ordinance for collecting taxes on persons and property was received from the Common Council, having been referred to the Finance Committee. The amendment was in the last clause of the ordinance, and provides that on all bills paid by the 10th of July a discount of 10 per cent. shall be allowed, and on all paid by the 1st of September a discount of 5 per cent., imposing a penalty of 5 per cent. upon all delinquents after December 1st, and providing that all persons be proceeded against who may be in arrears after June 1st, 1888.

Mr. Snowden, from the Common Council, asked permission of the Aldermen to explain the motives which actuated the Finance Committee in preparing this amendment. The question had been asked in committee, who should take charge of the tax bills due the city for the coming fiscal year. The term of the present collectors expired on the 1st proximo, and were the new bills withheld until the newly-elected officers were sworn in tax-payers would lose the opportunity of paying the 10 per cent. allowed in the bill as recently passed. The committee had given the matter considerable attention and had learned that it was customary for new collectors to take the new bills. Should the present ones start to collect the city's dues for 1887 the Finance Committee would have to balance the accounts of four instead of two tax-receivers. The committee had consequently determined to hold the bills for the coming year until the 1st of July in order to avoid the seeming difficulty. The amendment had been introduced in the lower board and referred to the Finance Committee in order that the substance of it could be published and read by the people before it became operative.

Mr. Strauss thought the amendment eminently practical, and moved a concurrence, but

Mr. Smith felt constrained to interpose an objection, and said the fees on the new bills he considered a legitimate part of the emoluments of the old tax collectors, and wrought no injustice to the incoming officers, as they in the natural order of things would have the bills for 1888 and 1889 placed in their hands prior to July 1st of those years. The speaker saw no good reason for a departure from a time-honored custom. Moreover, it was a question of right and justice to the present incumbents, who were entitled to the just perquisites of their offices so long as their terms lasted. The tax bill had been passed; many had made arrangements to pay their taxes on the 1st of July and save the percentage allowed for payment on that date, and the speaker said he had seen checks drawn up for that purpose; hence he saw no reason why Council should at this time proceed to disarrange the whole system of tax collection.

Mr. Bryant concurred with Mr. Smith.

Mr. Marbury said he had understood that the present collectors would not want to collect the new bills, which would put them to the trouble of giving new bonds.

Mr. Smith had talked with Mr. Hill, and from what had been said he had inferred that they did want them. There would be no need of new bonds; their present ones were sufficient until the new collectors should come in.

Mr. Marbury repeated that he had understood Mr. Hill was not desirous of having the new bills placed in his hands, and appealed to Mr. Snowden to corroborate his assertion.

Mr. Strauss thought, after all, the trouble could be settled by the Finance Committee, who in their discretion could withhold the bills until the 1st of July. He could see no objection to the present collectors in such action.

Mr. Snowden again addressed the board. He said he was convinced the collectors would not want to settle their accounts with the Finance Committee before July 1st. Mr. Hill had told him that neither he nor Mr. Field had any claim to the bills for 1887. Should the amendment fail to pass Council and the bills for the present year not be placed in the hands of collectors till July 1st, the citizens would lose the opportunity of saving the 10 per cent. discount.

Mr. Smith said he had talked with Mr. Hill and Mr. Wood about this matter last Sunday, and to-night had had another conversation with Mr. Hill; he on the latter occasion telling the speaker that he could not take possession of the new bills until he had settled up the old ones; also that Mr. Hill told him in previous years new bills had been placed in the new collector's hands before July 1st. He had told Mr. Hill it was his prerogative to collect the new bills until his term expired.

Mr. Downham suggested that the Common Council had only referred the amendment to the Finance Committee, and should the Aldermen concur the matter would come before the board again.

Mr. Leadbeater, as a member of the Finance Committee, said he desired to state that the matter under consideration, had received careful thought in committee. It seemed impossible to find a person who could say positively on what date bills were first placed in Messrs. Hill's and Field's hands. The Finance Committee had labored hard for several nights settling up Mr. Hill's accounts, and equally as many weary nights were appointed them in examining and balancing Mr. Field's. Should new bills be placed in the hands of the present collectors much of the work performed by the Finance Committee would have to be repeated. He had understood that Mr. Hill desired to settle his accounts and have nothing to do with the new bills.

Messrs. Smith and Strauss again spoke, the former against and the latter in favor of concurrence, and Mr. Bryant said that while he adopted the views expressed by Mr. Smith, if the present collectors were unconcerned about taking the new bills, of course they should not be pressed upon them.

The action of the Common Council was

finally concurred in, after which the board adjourned.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

President Eubank took the chair at the opening of the Common Council last night, a bare quorum, nine, being present fifteen minutes after the hour of meeting, but two other members afterward entered.

On the application of the Hydraulic Steam Fire Engine Company for an appropriation to complete the repairs on the engine house, the Finance Committee reported adversely to the "further expenditure of money on property not owned by the city," and the report was concurred in.

The clerk called the attention of the Council to trouble that was occasioned semi-annually by the numerous election bills. The pay was fixed by the State law and much trouble would be saved by a general resolution authorizing the Auditor to pay such bills.

Mr. Snowden suggested that when such bills came the Auditor might be instructed to pay them.

The clerk said that election clerks had frequently been compelled to wait two months for two dollars.

Mr. Snowden replied that that need never occur again.

The clerk read a score or more of such bills and, on motion, they were referred to the Auditor with instructions to make payments on proof that the services had been performed.

A communication from Collector Hill, stating that he had sent the rent bill for the American coal wharf, \$1,050, to the lessees, and had been informed that they would pay no rent until the wharf was put in good condition.

Mr. Aitchison stated that the repairs were now begun and the matter would soon be adjusted. The subject was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Alexandria Light Infantry made application for the cancelling of a gas bill of \$41.31 against that company, and no charge whatever for any gas consumed at the Armory hereafter. The petition set out that Council allowed the Light Infantry \$50 worth of gas per annum free, but that the limitation in the use of gas was made only because the Armory was then used as a theatre, etc. As it was now devoted to service as an armory exclusively the company thought that all limitation on the use of gas there should cease, the bill for gas used at the fair be cancelled, and the Light Infantry placed as to the use of gas on the footing of the fire companies. The application was referred to the committee on light.

An act extending until July 10, instead of July 1st, the 10 per cent. discount on the payment of tax bills having been introduced.

Mr. Snowden, from the committee on finance, said that the present collectors would have the new bills if they were delivered during June, and so there would be few collections. This might occasion trouble, and it was thought best by the committee to so arrange matters that the bills should not go into the hands of the collectors until July 1, when the new ones came into office. It would then be necessary to extend the time of the 10 per cent. discount until the 10th of July, in order to give the tax payers the benefit of the discount. He said he had had a talk with Mr. Hill, who assured him that he would make no claims to the bills of the present year, for when he came into office he had been given the bills for that year. Mr. Snowden also said that the collectors could not get the new bills till they had settled for the old, and as it would probably take till the 1st of July to effect such a settlement, the tax payers would be debared from the privilege of saving the discount.

Mr. Fisher asked why the bills could not go into the hands of the collectors, as usual. To make a new law to change the course of business seemed like legislation in favor of one set of collectors against the others.

Mr. Eichberg thought that if the old collectors received the new bills they would not be obliged to return them to the new collectors after the first of July, and some difficulty might arise. He was opposed to compelling the city to borrow money on the first of July to pay interest.

Mr. Snowden said that Collector Hill had told him that the old collectors would make no claim for the new bills. There was no intention to legislate in favor of any special collectors.

Mr. Fisher said that it might be that the interest would be required on the 1st of July, and the city would have to borrow money.

Mr. Snowden assured the Council that no trouble of that kind will occur.

Mr. Goodrich thought ten days was too short a time. He moved to give fifteen days, but it being represented that this would very much incommode the treasury in the payment of the July interest, Mr. Goodrich withdrew his suggestion, and the act was referred to the finance committee.

No other business occasioned debate.

MR. BAGGETT'S WILL.—Judge Meade held a short term of the Corporation Court this morning at which the will of the late Townsend Baggett was admitted to probate. The deceased bequeathed his property as follows: To his daughter, Elizabeth Myers, he leaves his dwelling house and contents; lots on the northwest corner of Duke and Peyton street; two small dwellings on Peyton street; his garden, cows, horses, hogs, etc., and \$1,200 in U. S. bonds.

To his son B. F. Baggett the 25 acres of land adjoining his property and relieves him of the payment of a note of \$400.

To his son Edward Baggett the remainder of his farm in Alexandria county except that part bequeathed to B. F. Baggett; farming implements and \$500.

To his son James Baggett \$500 in cash.

To his daughter, Catherine Emory, his farm in Prince William county.

To his grand-daughters, Ida, Betsy and Florence Myers, the lot and brick house on the east side of Peyton street between Prince and Commerce.

To his son Alexander W. Baggett, a note for \$500.

The remainder of his estate he gives one-sixth each to J. H. Baggett, A. W. Baggett, Townsend Baggett, Sarah H. Solly; the children of Samuel Baggett and to the child of Georgeanna Beach.

The will was dated January 29, 1887 and Messrs. B. F. Baggett and M. Ahern are named as executors.

It is said that some of the heirs are dissatisfied and are talking of contesting the will.

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was cloudy and cool with six prisoners and one lodger at the station house.

The Mayor this morning disposed of the following cases: Wm. James, colored, arrested by officer Davis for disorderly conduct, was fined \$5. Kitty Lindsay, colored, arrested by officer Martin for disorderly conduct, was fined \$2. A small white boy, arrested by officer Hayes, charged with taking books from the store of Mr. G. E. French, was released on the promise of his parents to correct him.

for being drunk on the street, was held.

A white woman, charged with keeping a disorderly house, whose case was continued from last week, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50.

A King street merchant, charged with an assault on a colored man, was dismissed.

ALEXANDRIA RIFLES.—A meeting of the Alexandria Rifles was held last night, which was presided over by Mr. J. W. Holt. Mr. G. R. Hill was unanimously elected captain and a committee appointed to notify him of his selection. The committee at once waited on Mr. Hill and informed him of the action of the company. Mr. Hill replied by saying that he was much gratified, but could not give them a definite answer for forty-eight hours, as his health was not good and he would have to consult his physician about the matter. He wished the company every success, and promised to aid it in every way in his power.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.—Lieut. Smith this evening arrested two colored men named Tom Fleming and Richard Williams and locked them up at the station house, they being suspected of knowing something about the killing of Officer Arnold. Both men admitted having been here with the circus on the night Arnold was killed, and Williams had a pistol, which he yesterday left at Sefer Blouse's, which carries a ball of the same calibre as the pistol which killed Arnold. He also says he heard the firing on the night in question, but says he knows nothing of the shooting.

AN AMERICAN WOMAN MURDERED.—The Department of State has received from the Consular Agent at San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua, a report of the murder of an American widow, Mrs. Lydia J. Thurburn, at the headwaters of Great River, in Nicaragua. The murdered woman was engaged in business on a reservation, and is believed to have come from Cincinnati. The details of the murder are not yet known, but it appears that she had been threatened and persecuted by a couple of natives for some time.

EXTENSIVE BUILDING.—A Washington carpenter who was in this city last night said that the contractor who employed him had recently told his hands that in a short time he would send them to this city to erect a large number of houses. It is said that the houses will be built by Mr. Buchanan, who has recently purchased the square bounded by Lee, Fairfax, Jefferson and Greene streets.

ORDERED TO LEAVE THE STATE.—Walter Ellzey, the colored youth who was arrested in this city on Saturday last on the charge of stealing a number of articles from Mr. W. J. Triplett, of Fairfax county, was taken before Justice P. Pulman, of that county, for trial, and discharged on the promise to leave the State and not return for ten years. On these conditions Mr. Triplett declined to prosecute him.

SENT BACK.—Sergeant Mathews arrived here this evening from Richmond with a warrant against for Junius Jones and Josephine Petit, who were yesterday arrested here at the request of the Richmond authorities. The warrant charges the parties with lewd and licentious cohabitation. They were turned over to Sergeant Mathews, who took them back to Richmond.

CAPSIZE.—While Messrs. J. T. Trimyer, John Trimyer, and Geo. H. Hayden were out on the river in a sail boat yesterday evening about 5 o'clock, their boat was capsized, just off Shepherd's and the young men were thrown into the water. They held on to the boat till they were rescued by the tug Geo. W. Pride, which happened to be passing at the time.

THE FREE DELIVERY SYSTEM.—Mr. M. LaRue Harrison, of the Postoffice Department, was in this city today in reference to the establishment of the free delivery system here. He left with Postmaster Herbert a letter stating that in order to have the system introduced, the houses would have to be properly numbered and the names of the streets posted at the corners. As the requirements already exist in this city there is no need of delay in the establishment of the system here.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

There are now two captains in this "dear old town of ours."

Mr. Clifton Pelton and Miss Lucy Rogers were married last night.

The Fish Commission steamer Fish Hawk left Washington yesterday for Baltimore.

A dog fight on St. Asaph street near King yesterday evening created considerable excitement in that neighborhood.

Jurors are being summoned to attend a term of the U. S. Court which meets in this city on July 6th, next.

Ship carpenters are at work at the Norton ship yard on the keels of the life boat and the yacht which are to be built there.

Mr. J. F. Wayland, son-in-law of Mrs. H. C. Bleasoe, died at 12.05 a. m. yesterday at his home, near Covessville, Albemarle county.

A marriage license was granted in Washington yesterday to Wm. F. Potee, of Baltimore, and Elsie McClintock, of Fairfax county.

The teachers of Lee street Chapel of the Second Presbyterian Church gave an entertainment to the scholars of that chapel yesterday evening.

Capt. Webster has telegraphed to the authorities at Tallahassee that the man arrested there a few days ago is not Billy Williams, who is wanted here as the supposed murderer of Officer Arnold.

Noble Smith and several other boys, while playing in the Pioneer Mills last night, captured and killed a white owl, which measured four feet from tip to tip. When killed the owl, which was a beautiful bird, had a large rat in its talons which it had just caught.

Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, of Richmond, passed through this city this morning, on their way to Boston. Geo. Lee did not accompany the camp.

Miss Nannie Gilliam, who has been visiting Mrs. F. L. VanAnken, has returned to her home in Richmond.

## G. M. D.

Walking down Broadway is very pleasant when you feel well, and T. K. never felt better than when his friend asked him how he got over that severe cough of his so speedily. "Ah, my boy," said T. K., "G. M. D. did it." And his friend wondered what G. M. D. meant. He knew it did not mean Good Many Doctors, for T. K. had tried a dozen in vain. "I have it," said he, just hitting the nail on the head, "you mean Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, or Gold Medal Deserved, as my friend J. S. always dubs it." Sold by druggists.

PAINT YOUR BUGGY FOR ONE DOLLAR. Another supply of CROWN CARRIAGE GLOSS PAINT, ready for use; only one coat necessary. For sale by sep6 W. F. CREIGHTON & CO.

MINERAL WATERS AND GINGER ALE.—We will from this date supply the family trade with STABLE'S MINERAL WATERS. Leave your orders at our store. ap11 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

## MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, June 15.—The stock market opened active and strong at advances over last evening's final figures of from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. The activity was of but short duration, however, and the market became quiet and, although further slight advances were recorded in the early dealings, prices early began to sag. A better tone was noticeable later in the hour and the best figures were then reached. There was a moderate business in the bulk of the list. At 11 o'clock the market was quiet but firm. Money easy at 3 1/4.

BALTIMORE, June 15.—Virginia 6s consolidated —; past-due coupons 6 1/4; 10-40s —; new 3s 65 bid to-day.

## WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE JUNE 15

Flour, fine	\$3.00	@	3 25
Superfine	3.25	@	3 50
Extra	3.75	@	4 25
Family	4.25	@	4 75
Fancy brands	5.00	@	5 50
Wheat, Longberry	0.85	@	0 93
Fultz	0.82	@	0 88
Mixed	0.83	@	0 90
Pat. Wheat	0.85	@	0 94
Dump and	0.70	@	0 75
Corn, white	0.52	@	0 53
Yellow	0.49	@	0 50
Corn Meal	0.52	@	0 55
Rye	0.55	@	0 62
Oats	0.35	@	0 38
Butter, Virginia prime	0.13	@	0 16
Common to middling	0.12	@	0 14
Eggs	0.17	@	0 18
Live Chickens	0.16	@	0 17
Veal Calves	0 5	@	0 6
Irish Potatoes per bushel	1 00	@	1 25
Dried Peas, peeled	0 7	@	0 8
" " unpeeled	0 4	@	0 5
" " Cherries	0 8	@	0 9
Dried Apples	0 3	@	0 4
Bacon—Hams, country	0 12 1/2	@	0 13
Best sugar-cured Hams	0 12 1/2	@	0 13
Butchers' Hams	0 12 1/2	@	0 13
Breakfast Bacon	0 9 1/2	@	0 9 1/2
Sugar-cured Shoulders	0 9	@	0 9 1/2
Bulk Shoulders	0 8 1/2	@	0 8 1/2
" " fat backs	0 7 1/2	@	0 8
bellies	0 8	@	0 8 1/2
Bacon Shoulders	0 7	@	0 7 1/2
" " Ribs	0 5 1/2	@	0 6
Lard	9 7 1/2	@	9 8
Smoked Bacon	0 13 1/2	@	0 16
Sugar Beans	0 25	@	0 26
Old A	0 5 1/2	@	0 5 1/2
Conf. Standard A	0 5 1/2	@	0 5 1/2
Granulated	0 6	@	0 6 1/2
Coffee—Rio	0 20	@	0 23
La Guayra	0 23	@	0 25
Java	0 4	@	0 4 1/2
Molasses B. S.	0 15	@	0 16
" " C. R.	0 17	@	0 18
Sugar Syrup	0 22	@	0 23
Herring, Eastern, per bbl.	3 50	@	5 25
Potomac No. 1	4 00	@	4 50
Pot. Family Roe per bbl.	10 00	@	10 50
Do. P. half barrel	5 00	@	5 50
Mackerel, small, per bbl.	0 00	@	0 00
" No. 3, medium	10 00	@	10 50
" No. 3, large fat	12 00	@	14 00
" No. 2	15 00	@	18 00
Clover Seed	4 25	@	5 00
Timothy	2 15	@	2 25
Plaster, ground, per ton	4 75	@	5 00
Ground in bags	5 75	@	6 00
Lump	3 50	@	3 75
Salt—G. A. (Liverpool)	0 75	@	0 80
Fine	1 20	@	1 30
Turk's Island	1 15	@	1 20
Wool—Long unwashed	0 26	@	0 27
Washed	0 30	@	0 34
Morino, unwashed	0 22	@	0 25
Do. Washed	0 30	@	0 34
Straw	0 70	@	0 75
Hay	10 00	@	13 00
Cut do.	18 00	@	19 00
Wheat Bran per ton	16 25	@	16 75
Brown Middlings	16 50	@	17 00
White Middlings	18 25	@	18 50
Homeing Chop	19 00	@	20 00
Cotton Seed Meal	24 00	@	26 00

There is no change to note in Flour; sales are of a little better volume than usual at this season and the supply is fully equal to the demand. The Wheat markets for two or three days past have been demoralized, and prices have been driven down on futures about ten cents per bushel, speculation grades being in full sympathy, but the decline has been anything like so great for family, sound milling Wheat, which is in constant demand. Corn is active and higher for white, while yellow and mixed are quiet and unchanged. Rye and Oats are steady. Produce is easy and in more liberal supply.

BALTIMORE, June 15.—Cotton dull; middling 11 1/4. Flour quiet and easier in tone; Howard street and Western super \$2.50 3/4 10; do extra \$3.25 3/4 90; do family \$1.50 1/4 50; City Mills super \$2.50 3/4 00; do extra \$3.25 3/4 75; do Rio brands \$4.75 5/4 00; Patuxent superlative patent \$5.45; family \$5.15. Wheat—Southern lower and very quiet, red 91 1/2 93; amber 93 1/2 95; Western lower and fairly active; No. 2 winter red 88 1/2 89 1/2; June 88 bid; July 86 1/2 87; Aug 85 1/2 86 1/2; Sept 86 1/2 87 1/2. Corn—Southern steady, with a regular demand; white 53 1/2 54; yellow 48 1/2 49; Western lower and quiet; mixed spot 45 1/2 46; asked; June 45 1/2 46 1/4; July 45 1/2 46 1/4. Oats heavy and dull; Southern and Penna 33 1/2 34; Western white 35 1/2 36 1/4; do mixed 33 1/2 34. Rye easier at 60 1/2 61. Hay easier and dull; prime to choice Western \$14 1/2 15. Provisions nominally steady. Mess Pork \$15 1/2 17. Bulk meats—shoulders and clear ribs packed 6 1/2 8 1/2. Bacon—shoulders 7 1/2 8 1/2; clear ribs 9 1/2 10 1/2. Lard—refined 8 1/2. Butter firm; Western packed 11 1/2 12; cream 16 1/2 17. Eggs lower and quiet at 15 1/2 16. Coffee nominally firmer; Rio cargoes, ordinary to fair 18 1/2 19 1/2. Sugar higher; A soft \$5.94. Whiskey steady and quiet at \$1.14 1/2 15.

CHICAGO, June 15, 11:20 a. m.—Liberal orders to buy Wheat are coming in from outside points, and the market is becoming steadier. July sold up to 74, and is now quoted at 73 1/2, with a strong tendency. July Corn 36 1/2. July Oats 25 1/2. July Lard \$6 45.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Cotton easier; uplands 11 1/4. Orleans 11 7/8. Futures steady. Flour dull and heavy. Wheat lower. Corn lower. Pork steady at 16; old mess steady at 15. Lard weaker at \$6 75.

## EXCURSIONS.

Lower Cedar Point.

WASHINGTON'S CONEY ISLAND.

Excursion season opens June 26th and daily thereafter. Music, Boating, Bathing, Dancing, Fishing, Cheapest and best excursion out of Alexandria. New and magnificent fast palace steamer HENRY C. BISH. OP will leave foot of Prince street daily at 9:30 a. m., returning, arrive at 8 p. m. For special rates Sunday schools and organizations should apply to STEPHENSON BROS.

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## SUMMER RESORTS.

RIVER VIEW FOR 1887.

The steamer MARY WASHINGTON

will leave Hooe's wharf EVERY WEDNESDAY at 9:3